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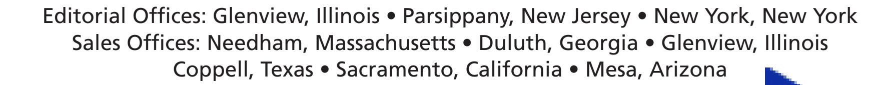
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"Hello, friend!"

It is nice when a friend says hello to you. Friends are special. Having a friend is one of the greatest parts of life.

You want to have good friends. You want to be a good friend, too.

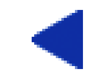
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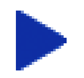
When you see someone standing alone, you could say hello. You could ask to play together. This is one thing you could say.

"Hi, my name is Alberto. Would you like to play soccer with us?"

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alone: by himself or herself









Have you ever wondered what a good friend does?

A good friend helps you. A good friend talks with you. A good friend plays with you and shares.

If you want to be a good friend, you should care for your friends. You should play and share with your friends, too.

These are the things you could do to be a good friend.

If your friend falls down, then you should go and help.

If your friend is feeling sad, then you should ask what is wrong.

If you are playing a game, then you should ask your friend to play.



Friends don't always get along. What can you do if you don't agree with a friend?

Listen to what your friend has to say. Try to share. You may need to pick something else to play. You may need some time away. If you were not nice, then say you are sorry.

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get along: be together without fighting



This is how two friends might solve a problem.

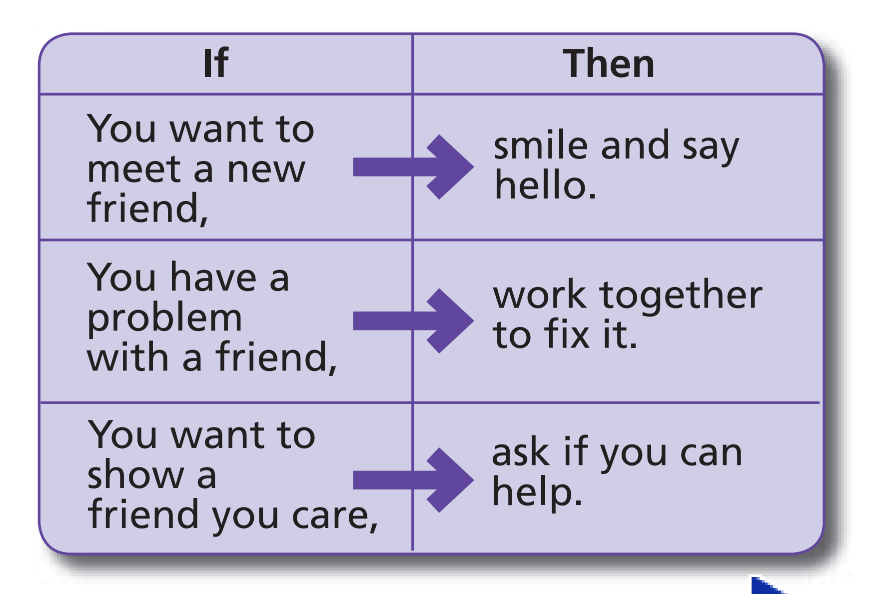
"That's my snack!"

"No, it is mine!"

"What if we share?"

"That would be nice."

"I am sorry that I was going to keep it all for myself."

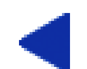


If	Then
You want to meet a new friend, →	smile and say hello.
You have a problem with a friend, →	work together to fix it.
You want to show a friend you care, →	ask if you can help.



How does it feel when you have a good friend?

You feel happy. You like to play together. You read together. You walk together, and you keep each other company. A friend makes you feel like a good friend, too!





Talk About It

1. What does the author want you to know about making a new friend?
2. What can you do when you don't get along with your friends?

Write About It

3. On a separate sheet of paper, write about some things that make you a good friend to someone.

Extend Language

A *friend* is a special person. Other words have *friend* in them, such as *friendly* and *friendship*. What do you think the words *friendly* and *friendship* mean?

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